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RISE LYMPHOEDEMA AND HYDROCELE CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of Lymphoedema (Elephantiasis) and Hydrocele are increasing in the country particularly in Andlira Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases of Lymphoedema and Hydrocele and number of Hydrocele surgery conducted and reported during 2004 and 2005, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Government of India launched the campaign of Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (ELF) in 2004. Lymphatic filariasis is a chronic disease and has manifestations like lymphodema (elephantiasis) and hydrocele. Govt. of India has started house to house survey for enlisting of cases of Lymphoedema and hydrocele prior to Annual Mass Drug Administration with single dose of DEC (Diethylcarbamazine citrate) tablets since the year 2004 in order to provide them services for prevention of attacks of acute lymphangitis (high fever, swelling and pain in affected part of the body) and acute lymphadenitis (swelling of lymph glands, pain and fever) and surgical operation for hydrocele. The line listing of Lymphoedema and Hydrocele cases as reported from states during 2004 and updated during 2005 in the country and in state of Andhra Pradesh are given below;

	Lymphoedema		Hydrocele	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Country	361297	585318	226882	334764
Andhra Pradesh	2250	43766	191	908

(c) The numbers of Lymphoedema cases detected during 2004 and updated in 2005 are 361297 and 585318 respectively. The number of Hydrocele cases detected during 2004 and updated in 2005 are 226882 and 334764 respectively. The hydrocele surgeries conducted are 2047 in 2004 and 11039 in 2005. The state-wise details are given at Annex.

(d) Govt. of India has launched the Mass Drug Administration with Annual Single Dose of Diethylcarbamazine citrate (DEC) Tablets since year 2004 to interrupt transmission of +Lymphatic Filariasis. This will check recurrence of such cases in future